GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL DOMESTICATION OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Gusae Chetal kee bhaint chadh gya Arjun Singh ke ghar per tenat sepahi` appearing in Navbharat Times, New Delhi dated January 27, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted an enquiry or propose to conduct an enquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the wild animals have been domesticated and are being hunted illegally in different parts of the country;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the directions given by the Government to State Governments to check the illegal domestication and hunting of wild animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)
(a) Yes Sir.
(b) Protection of wildlife is the responsibility of the State Government.The Government of Madhya Pradesh has conducted an inquiry and has taken action as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
(c) The inquiry conducted by the State Government has revealed that two Cheetal, one male and one female were kept in the campus of Korwa Kothi Bhopal. Permission of ownership was granted by the Chief Wildlife Warden for one male Cheetal.The female Cheetal was domesticated without permission and a case was registered under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The case has been compounded after imposing a penalty of Rs. 2000/-.

(d) Under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 domestication of wild animals is prohibited.However, illegal possession of wild animal is not ruled out. Cases of poaching have been detected both inside and outside the Protected Areas.However, the incidents of poaching are higher outside the protected areas due to inadequate enforcement infrastructure.

(e)&(f): The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 amended in 1991 have empowered the State Govt. to control of illegal acts.Government of India have issued guidelines to implement provisions of the Act and also provide fund to implement the provisions of the Act under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.